

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn No. 269** "Lead On, O King Eternal!"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 243** "Be Not Afraid"

"Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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Postlude "Jesus Is Lord" - arr. Corl

***** ***** Please stand as you are able. ***** *****



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10 AM *Worship Service* ❖ *May 21, 2023*
7th Sunday of Easter
Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

"Prayer is our humble answer to the inconceivable surprise of living."

- Abraham Joshua Heschel

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "Lead On, O King Eternal!" - arr. Arnatt

Call to Worship (written by Nancy Townley)

One: How can we keep still this day?

All: There is joy in this place!

One: God's steadfast love extends to everyone.

All: God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and compassion.

One: Thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.

All: Let us celebrate God's joyful love for and with us! Amen.

*Hymn No. 265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance (Adapted from Micah 7)

One: There is no one like God, who pardons our sins and forgets all of our offenses. God doesn't hold on to grudges but delights in showing mercy. Your mistakes and failures—they are already forgotten. Go forth knowing that you are loved, and share that love with your neighbor.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

*Hymn No. 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

"Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be." Amen.

Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also, with you.**

Anthem "Psalm Nine" - Wiltse Tyler Bell Choir

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there. Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

1st Reading: Acts 1: 6-14 **New Testament** pg. 118, LP pg. 143

2nd Reading: Psalm 68: 1-10 **Old Testament** pg. 529 LP pg. 651

Sermon "Let God Rise Up" – Rev. Drew Harrison

*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father, almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

Moment for Mission – Summer Lunch Program

*Doxology No. 606 "Praise God...All Blessings Flow" "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

*Unison Prayer of Dedication (written by Thom Schuman)

Good Shepherd, you spread a table before us. We offer you our gifts, signs of your gracious love and tokens of our grateful hearts. Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb, that we may proclaim to all the world your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Maureen St. John, Roxanne Somers, Peggy Price, Meg Yanefski, The Family of Joe Bradley, The Family of Ryan McCleery, Sue Hummel, The Family of Mavis Finch, Jessie Scanlon, Elaine Scheetz, Alan Henry, Damian, Marjorie, The Family of John DeLoatch